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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2007 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on November 15, 2007. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for one-month Extension with the required fees, to extend the period of reply to December 13, 2007. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which

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